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Richard R. Morrison, General Counsel

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Transmittal of Information

Forwarded herewith for your use is a copy of a letter dated May 31, 1956, addressed to Mr. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, and signed by J. Edgar Hoover. Also forwarded herewith is a copy of a letter dated 26 September 1955, from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, signed by George B. Ladd, Staff Director for Communications. The letter dated February 6, 1956, signed by Dr. Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, and referred to in Mr. Hoover's letter, is also attached.

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Attachments (as stated)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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26 September 1955

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

Continuing our discussion of this morning, the Department of Defense agrees with the revised unprinted State/CIA staff study on the subject of exchange of telegraphic communications with and among U.S. Foreign Service posts abroad. In concurring in this proposal, it is my understanding that (a) this matter will be formally presented to the Secretary of Defense for his approval, and (b) inter-departmental action will include:

- (1) Complete coordination to be effected at each step of the negotiation phase before specific reciprocal arrangements are established;
- (2) Worded the proposed amendment to the Communications Act of 1934 so as not to "thus open the door to uncontrolled and unlimited operations by any one or all national governments represented in the Washington area";
- (3) Any communications monitoring requirements resulting from the establishment of radio operations by representatives of foreign governments in the United States to be conducted in consonance with existing National Security Council directives.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

GEORGE D. LAXEN
Staff Director for Communications

Mr. R. H. M. Nesbitt,
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